

performing a second comparison of the key fields of the recurring and non-recurring records; and

selecting a group of records from among the recurring and non-recurring records based on the outcome of the **second** comparison.

35. (Amended) The computer program of claim 34 [wherein] **further comprising**, following the instruction for completing synchronization, **instructions for fanning** one of the synthetic recurring record and recurring record [is fanned back] into a plurality of fanned non-recurring records.

40. (Amended) The computer program of claim 37 [wherein] **further comprising**, following the instruction for completing synchronization, **instructions for fanning** one of the synthetic recurring record and recurring record [is fanned] into a plurality of fanned non-recurring records excluding the instances in the list of excluded date bearing instances of a corresponding one of the synthetic recurring record and recurring record.

42. (Amended) The computer program of claim 41 wherein the second database assigns a unique ID to each record, and wherein the computer program **further** comprises **instructions for**:

fanning one of the synthetic recurring record and the recurring record into a plurality of fanned non-recurring records;

storing records in the history file representative of the plurality of fanned non-recurring records;

storing in the history file the unique IDs assigned by the second database to the plurality of fanned non-recurring records; and

recording linkages among the records representative of the plurality of non-recurring records and the record representative of one of the recurring record and synthetic recurring record.

46. (Amended) The computer program of claim 41 further **[comprises] comprising instructions for** performing a second comparison of one of the synthetic recurring record and the recurring record to the history file record representative of the recurring record or the synthetic recurring record in the past synchronization, and completing synchronization based on the outcome of the second comparison.